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Remarks

The specification is being amended to identify the related application by serial number and date of filing.

The Examiner has rejected each of the independent claims 1, 8, 14 based upon the Examiner's citation of Buhrmann et al. (US Patent 5,933,778). The Examiner submits that Buhrmann et al. shows a method of controlling the response of a wireless communication device that involves "transmitting a signal from [a] first device to [a] second device modifying the response of the second wireless communication device for the time period scheduled in the application on the first device."

Applicant respectfully disagrees with this description of Buhrmann et al. and submits the claims as originally presented distinguish Buhrmann et al.

As an initial point, Applicant notes that the present claims recite a wireless communication device that modifies its own response to wireless communications. This is clearly distinct from what is taught by Buhrmann et al. In Buhrmann et al., profile data is not sent to storage in the wireless device 110 shown in Fig. 1, but instead is stored in the database 118 associated with a radio base station RBS 106 - that database 118 stores profile information for multiple subscribers. As explained at col. 9, lines 19-31, a profile update that changes

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the behavior of the wireless device is "transmitted to the SCP 108 ...to update the appropriate subscriber profile record in database 118." The wireless device behaviors identified by the profile are then achieved separately from the wireless device, using the information in database 118, as described in col. 9, line 50 - col. 10, line 8.

In contrast to the Buhrmann et al. method, each of the present claims recites that schedule-related information is delivered to and/or used by the wireless device. For example, independent claim 1 recites: "transmitting a signal from the first device to the second device modifying the response of the second wireless communication device for the time period scheduled in the application on the first device". Independent claim 8 recites "[a] wireless communication device comprising: ... a processor ... executing [] executable code to allow a user to schedule a time period during which the response of the wireless communication device to wireless communications is to be modified, and modifying the response of the wireless communication device to wireless communications during a time period scheduled by the user." Finally, independent claim 14 recites "[a] program product for a wireless communication device ... to allow a user to schedule a time period wherein the

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response of the wireless device to wireless communications is modified."

The Buhrmann et al. patent clearly teaches away from the approach claimed here - Buhrmann et al. teaches that the wireless device should not be involved in managing the schedule applicable to that device, but rather, that function should be centralized. Applicant submits that the use of the wireless device itself to control its own response is clearly patentably distinct from what is disclosed by Buhrmann et al.

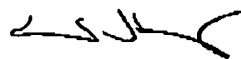
Applicant therefore submits that all claims now presented are patentable over Buhrmann et al., and the combinations of references cited by the Examiner for which Buhrmann et al. is the primary reference.

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